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ALLIES STILL WINNING ON SOMME

British and French Continue Their Advance Along the Western Front, With No Lull in Continuous Battle

London, Sept. 27.—Without a moment's breathing spell, the allies are pushing their great offensive on the Somme front with renewed vigor, following the capture of Thiepval and Comblès.

The German war office this afternoon admitted the loss of Thiepval and reported that the British have pushed forward on both sides of Courcellette, after suffering heavy losses. The Berlin statement reported no cessation in the furious fighting on the line that once rested on Comblès. The allies continued the attack last night, but on this sector, as well as south of the Somme, all Anglo-French onslaughts were repulsed, the German war office stated.

General Haig's afternoon report emphasized the fact that there has been no lull in the fighting. Advancing nearer to Bapaume, the British made progress last night in the direction of Eaucourt-L'Abbaye, less than three miles from Bapaume. The British alone took from 3,000 to 4,000 prisoners in Monday and Tuesday's fighting.

London, Sept. 27.—The most successful blow struck by Anglo-French troops since the battle of the Marne brought the capture of Peronne and Bapaume appreciably nearer.

It is possible, English military critics said today, that both the towns, the immediate objectives of the great allied offensive, will fall within a fortnight. The apparent ease with which German resistance collapsed at Thiepval yesterday, following the capture of Comblès, surprised military observers here and led them to predict quick victories for the British and French in the drives on Peronne and Bapaume.

A large number of German prisoners have been brought in all along the Somme front as the result of yesterday's successful operations. At Comblès group after group of Germans was cut off and cornered between British and French detachments closing in upon the village. They fought desperately from underground caverns until they were silenced by bombing parties.

The final dash against Comblès developed into some of the most savage fighting of the whole war. The Germans caught in the southwestern angle of the village stuck to their machine guns bravely and died at their posts. The French, advancing through the cemetery on the northeast, were repeatedly counter-attacked by Teuton detachments that stormed their lines in the face of certain death.

Details of the capture of Thiepval are still lacking. The Thiepval position, fortified perhaps more strongly than any village on the Somme line, had held up the advance of the British left wing since the opening day of the allied offensive. It tumbled in under one sudden smash that sent the Germans rolling upon Grandcourt.

Stanford University, Sept. 27.—"Just working to have something to do," was Luther John Eller's explanation of why, with his millions, he is running a donkey engine on university construction. He says he likes work better than leisure, and is happier since he resumed the calling he followed in other days.

He carries his lunch pail, but comes to work in an expensive automobile.

GRANTS PASS MAN SAYS TOMBSTONE TRUST IN OREGON

Portland, Sept. 27.—Warrants for the arrest of 14 Portland monument dealers on a charge of forming a tombstone trust, were issued today in the municipal court. The warrants were drawn under the municipal anti-trust law of 1907.

N. A. Tibbetts, granite salesman, representing the Blair Granite company of Grants Pass is the complaining witness. He alleges the local monument and stone men combined to fix prices through a recently organized body, the Oregon Monument Manufacturers' association.

Tibbetts claims the organization was formed partially for the purpose of ruining his own company.

HIGH RECORDS FOR RAILROAD SHARES

New York, Sept. 27.—Railroad shares were bid up to new high record prices during another million-share day on the New York stock exchange today, leading the bull market for the first time since it started three weeks ago. The million-share mark was crossed at 12:45.

Union Pacific crowded U. S. Steel aside and became the most active stock on the list, while establishing a new high at 152 1/4. Reading, Erie, C. & O. also were record-makers, while many other rails hit the highest marks they have made in months. New York Central sold at 110. Southern Pacific at 103 and Atchafson at 107 1/4.

General Electric made a big jump of 10 1/2 points to 184 1/2 on reports of earnings of nearly 50 per cent and rumors of a proposed merger in a stock dividend.

Norfolk & Western advanced 3 1/2 to 31 1/2 in the late afternoon. New York Airbrake was up nearly three points at 147 1/4.

The close was steady.

MEXICAN AMBASSADOR GOES TO MEXICO CITY

Washington, Sept. 27.—Mexican Ambassador Arredondo is speeding to Mexico City today to take first hand to General Carranza a report as to the progress being made by the American-Mexican commissioners at New London. He will return in about two weeks.

GUARDSMEN ARE SHOWN ROUGH LIFE

Anthony, N. M., Sept. 27.—The division of 13,000 Pennsylvania guardsmen began the third leg of its hundred-mile desert hike with 200 men unable, from exhaustion, to continue the march today. When the column went into camp last night the entire division was without food until long past midnight. The three hundred supply wagons accompanying the marchers had become stalled in the deep sands of the desert. Scouts were hurriedly sent back to locate them and at midnight the supply trains were dragged into camp by mule teams.

In the meantime the hungry soldiers had bought up everything eatable in this arid hamlet.

The infantry covered 15 miles over the desert road yesterday, while the cavalry and artillery detoured, making twenty miles.

Just before the start of the hike Monday, one colonel equipped his men with new shoes. As a result, the soldiers suffered severely from blistered feet and their commander drew the criticism of General Clements for his carelessness.

WESTCOTT IS DEFEATED IN NEW JERSEY

Man Who Nominated Wilson at St. Louis Convention, and President's Choice, Is Beaten by Martine

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 27.—John W. Westcott, who nominated President Wilson at the St. Louis convention, and is understood to have been the president's choice for the democratic senatorial nomination in New Jersey, has been defeated by Senator James Martine, incomplete returns indicated today.

With 722 of 1,193 districts heard from, the vote was Martine, 12,844; Westcott, 6,897.

Martine was strongly supported by the German-Americans and also by the Irish-Americans and labor organizations.

Westcott is said to have lost many labor votes because he prosecuted many persons arrested during the Roosevelt, N. J., strike.

Incomplete returns today indicate that State Senator Walter E. Edge, of Atlantic county, won the republican gubernatorial nomination over former State Senator Austen Colgate and George L. Record by a plurality estimated at from 5,000 to 8,000. It also appears that former Governor Franklin Murphy defeated former State Senator Joseph Frelinghuysen for the republican nomination for United States senator by a majority of about 3,000.

Naval Officer H. Otto Withen was unopposed for the democratic gubernatorial nomination.

The latest returns this afternoon indicated that Westcott has been beaten by from 6,000 to 10,000, receiving about half the vote given Martine.

WILL HOLD LONG RACING SEASON

San Francisco, Sept. 27.—A year round racing program for western states is almost a certainty, according to James Coffroth, former boxing promoter, but now conducting racing at Tia Juana. Coffroth's statement follows a trip to eastern racing centers to confer with turfmen regarding his contemplated circuit, and he is here today with even bigger plans than before.

It is Coffroth's intention to follow the Tia Juana meeting, starting in November, with meetings in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Reno, with short meetings in the northwest and in Arizona.

Toward this end, Coffroth is here to organize a body to control the western circuit.

With such a long season in prospect, Coffroth says the owners of the finest stables in America are ready to come west. He says a large number of eastern owners will be represented at Tia Juana, regardless of the success of his larger project.

HAIG REPORTS CAPTURE OF MANY PRISONERS

London, Sept. 27.—In the two days of the great battle on the Somme front the British alone have captured between three thousand and four thousand prisoners, General Haig reported this afternoon.

The British have gained new positions on the Somme front. Patrol detachments are in touch with the enemy.

HOLLWEG TO BE TARGET IN REICHSTAG

Attempt Will Be Made in the German Body to Pass Vote of No Confidence in Teuton Chancellor Tomorrow

Berlin, Sept. 27.—The stormiest session of the reichstag since the beginning of the war was foreshadowed today in discussions in the Berlin hotels by members who arrived for the opening session tomorrow.

Dr. Coerting, an industrial leader from Hanover, will move a vote of no confidence in Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg. Coerting represents one of the center party groups, waging war on the chancellor.

(A vote of no confidence in the German reichstag does not carry the significance attaching to similar action in most European parliaments, where such an expression of displeasure is followed by the resignation of the ministry.)

The absence of Dr. Liebknecht, radical socialist, arrested several weeks ago for taking part in a disturbance in Berlin, will certainly not contribute to a calm session, though Liebknecht was probably the reichstag's most disturbing member.

Other opponents of the government are ready to furnish attacks as soon as the bars are let down for debate.

The chancellor will address the reichstag at 3 p. m., on subjects not yet revealed. The voting of war credits and Germany's future policy towards England will be the chief topics of the three-weeks' session.

The conservatives are pleased at the results of the latest Zeppelin raids and will demand an even more severe anti-English campaign.

WILL SEND MORE MILITIA TO BORDER

Washington, Sept. 27.—Orders were issued by the war department today to send to the border immediately the following militia organizations:

Battery A, New Hampshire field artillery; Third Pennsylvania artillery; battery C, New Jersey artillery; battery A, District of Columbia artillery; first battalion and battery C, Virginia field artillery; Third New York artillery; batteries A and B, Alabama field artillery; first battalion Georgia artillery; batteries E and F, Connecticut artillery; Second Georgia infantry; Third District of Columbia infantry; troop A, District of Columbia cavalry; batteries A and B, Michigan field artillery; first regiment (except second battalion), Minnesota field artillery; batteries B and C, Colorado artillery; company A, California engineers.

Instructions were issued coincidentally to General Funston to select 10,000 national guardsmen now on border duty and send them to their homes. The troops ordered borderward today number about 10,000.

NATIONAL GUARDSMEN BEGIN RETURN HIKE

Austin, Texas, Sept. 27.—The 12th provisional division, comprising 14,000 national guardsmen, began its 85-mile return hike to San Antonio today. They will follow practically the same route traversed in the hike here last week.

After four days' rest the troops are in fine condition.

DECLARATION OF WAR IS EXPECTED IN GREECE SOON

London, Sept. 27.—Wholesale defections from the Greek army were reported in Athens dispatches today, hinting that a declaration of war may be expected at any time.

Practically every garrison in old Greece has joined the revolutionary movement, said one Athens dispatch, and the soldiers are leaving for Saloniki. A large number of naval officers have left Piræus and the Greek cruiser Lonchi, reported to be under control of the rebels, slipped out of the harbor, bound for either Crete or Saloniki.

An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Athens said the cabinet conferred at length on the situation created by former Premier Venizelos' departure for Crete and that rumors spread that the cabinet will resign.

BLAME AMERICANS FOR EL VALLE ROW

Washington, Sept. 27.—General Funston's official version of the fighting between American soldiers and Carranzistas at El Valle Friday blames the American soldiers—of whom one was killed and another slightly injured—for the trouble. Funston's report reached the war department today.

Funston based his report on a dispatch from General Pershing. Several American cavalrymen from Pershing's column, the report said, ran the guard at the El Valle camp, went into the town and engaged in a saloon row with Carranzista soldiers. One Carranzista officer was killed and one soldier wounded. One American was killed and one slightly wounded.

"The matter is looked upon by Carranza officials as simply a drunken row," Pershing concluded.

GERMANS FAIL TO COME BACK ON SOMME

Paris, Sept. 27.—Rolled back by the tremendous allies' blow yesterday, the Germans made no attempt to recapture positions taken by the French north of the Somme last night, it was officially announced today. The French spent the night organizing their new positions. South of the Somme a brilliant attack enabled the French to carry a strongly defended wood forming a salient east of Verdun.

Lieut. Nungesser, French flyer, brought down two German planes on the Somme front yesterday and also shot down a captive balloon. Nungesser now has destroyed seventeen enemy aeroplanes.

LINER CARPATHIA PUTS BACK TO PORT

London, Sept. 27.—The Cunard liner Carpathia, after putting to sea from Liverpool, has returned to her dock for examination and repairs, said a Lloyd's Liverpool despatch today.

The London cable gave no hint of the nature of the accident that caused the liner to put back. The Carpathia was the first liner to reach the scene of the Titanic disaster and brought to New York many of the Titanic's survivors. She displaces 13,603 tons, is 540 feet long and is registered at Liverpool.

New York, Sept. 27.—The Carpathia damaged one of her propellers as she was backing out of the dock at Liverpool and was compelled to put back, said a cable message to the New York office of the Cunard line today.

UNION LABOR REMAINS ON THE JOB

Few Men Respond to Call for General Walkout in New York in Sympathy With Traction Employees

New York, Sept. 27.—Labor unions in New York were today standing by contracts they have with employers and there was little response to the call for a general walkout in sympathy with the striking employees of the traction lines.

Police reports up to 1 a. m. accounted for only one local, connected with the painters' union, going out as an actual step in the sympathetic movement. Probably 200,000 union workers remained away from work today, but a majority of them would not have reported had there been no strike call, being Jewish and observing the annual holiday of their faith.

The longshoremen, stevedores and other workers who were expected to be among the first to respond, reported as usual today.

All indications were that unions having contracts were showing little sympathy in favor of a strike.

The labor leaders expressed themselves as entirely satisfied with the situation today, but would make no estimate of the number on strike or about to strike.

GERMANS ADMIT LOSS OF THIEPVAL

Berlin, Sept. 27.—The British have gained ground on both sides of Courcellette village after being repulsed with heavy losses in their early attacks, it was officially announced this afternoon. Other British attacks farther east and Anglo-French attacks at Les Bouffes and southward from Morval to Bouchavesnes, were repulsed.

The war office admitted the loss of Thiepval to the British.

NEW YORK JURY INDICTS STRIKERS FOR VIOLENCE

New York, Sept. 27.—Thirteen men and two women were indicted by the grand jury for strike violence today under a state law which provides a maximum penalty of twenty years imprisonment on conviction.

The indicted persons, strikers and sympathizers, who are charged with assaulting policemen and elevated guards, will be arraigned tomorrow before Justice Wardsham in general session.

HUGHES CLOSES OHIO CAMPAIGN

Canton, Ohio, Sept. 27.—Here in McKinley's old home, Nominee Hughes today closed his Ohio campaign trip, speaking to a crowd of more than a thousand people on the tariff and war prosperity. He called the theory of a tariff "plain common sense."

"We are going to have in the very near future, as soon as the war stops, very serious conditions in this country, which will call for the most sagacious action in order to protect American labor and American enterprise," Hughes asserted.